

Attack largest loss of police life in U.S. history until 9/11



John O'Brien holds a memorial plaque for his grandfather, David J. O'Brien, at his home in Fond du Lac. His grandfather, a Milwaukee detective, was killed in the Central Police Station bombing of 1917. MARK HOFFMAN / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

100 years ago, bombing claimed 9 police lives

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An 11-year-old girl spotted the package first. She tugged on the arm of her mother, who was cleaning the Italian Evangelical Mission Church, a Protestant church in Milwaukee’s heavily Sicilian Third Ward.

Her mother looked at the package and alerted a church organist, who found it suspicious and called police. The church’s pastor had been the subject of earlier controversy. After at least two hours of waiting for officers, the organist asked another church member, Sam Mazzone, to carry the package to the Central Police Station down-

For a city steeped in history, relatively few in Milwaukee know about the Central Police Station bombing or the swirl of circumstances surrounding it: anarchists, nativism and corruption, to name a few.

town. That evening, Nov. 24, 1917, the package exploded at the station, killing nine police department members and one civilian. It was the largest single loss of police life in U.S. history until the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

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Flynn’s lawyers reportedly break with Trump’s legal team

Former national security adviser may be willing to cooperate with probe

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WASHINGTON – A lawyer for former national security adviser Michael Flynn has told President Donald Trump’s legal team that they are no longer communicating with them about special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into Russian election interference. The decision could be a sign that Flynn is moving to cooperate with Mueller’s investigation or negotiate a deal for himself. The decision was communicated this week, said a person familiar with the decision who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation. In large criminal investigations, defense lawyers routinely share information with each other. But it can become unethical to continue such communication if one of the potential targets is looking to negotiate a deal with prosecutors. A lawyer for Flynn didn’t respond to a request for comment Thursday. A lawyer for Flynn’s son, Michael Flynn Jr., who has also come under investigation from Mueller’s team of prosecutors, declined to comment. The New York Times first reported the decision. Flynn was forced to resign as national security adviser in February after White House officials concluded that he had misled them about the nature of his contacts during the transition period with the Russian ambassador to the United States. He was interviewed by the FBI in January about his communications with the ambassador, Sergey Kislyak.



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Pretty birds may help us to unlock genetics of immunity

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What turns on a tree swallow may someday help people fight off diseases. The better looking a male tree swallow is, the more effective his immune genes are, and the more likely his offspring will be equipped to resist parasites and disease-causing pathogens, researchers have discovered. Female tree swallows apparently know this instinctively when they select a mate. So, how does this help



A tree swallow perches on a birdhouse. PETER DUNN

people? “We’re not that far away from basic animal research to things important to humans,” said Peter Dunn, a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee distinguished professor of biological sciences who has been studying the small, acrobatic songbirds for more

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Lakefront Brewery toasts as it celebrates its 30th anniversary

Business embodies city’s bottoms-up ethos

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At the start, Russ Klisch wrote his business plan out by hand — including finding a location as “small as possible to lose the least amount of money.” Russ, his brother Jim, and high school buddy Carson Praefke opened Lakefront Brewery at 818A E. Chambers St., a space so small it shared an address. They gave tours, but they were brief and everyone just ended up in the kitchen for samples. “We didn’t really have anything to show off,” Jim said. Still, those early days were exciting. “It was all being a pioneer, flying by the seat of your pants and doing some-

thing unique and educating people,” Jim said. By the time Lakefront moved to its current location at 1872 N. Commerce St., the ownership team was down to the two brothers, who employed eight or nine employees. From there, Russ said, Lakefront “continued to nickel-and-dime ourselves to success.” This Sunday, the brewery celebrates its 30-year anniversary. It boasts 67 full-time workers and 60 part-timers, and is expected to produce 46,000 barrels of beer in 2017. Sales continue to climb, and Lakefront’s beer can be found in 30 states, along with Canada, China, South Korea, Uruguay, Ukraine and Finland — the Finns seems to favor East Side Dark. Lakefront is also a quintessentially

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